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CLERK: February 17th.

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: February 17th. Any objections? No objections being heard, it's so ordered. Mr. Clerk, next bill.

CLERK: May I read some things first, Senator?

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: Items for the record.

CLERK: Mr. President, hearing notices from the Appropriations Committee and from the General Affairs Committee. I also have a Reference Report, Mr. President, with respect to certain gubernatorial appointments. That's offered by Senator Coordsen, as Chair of the Reference Committee. That's all that I have at this time, Mr. President.

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: Next item, please.

CLERK: Mr. President, LB 175 is a bill by Senator Hilgert. (Read title.) The bill was introduced on January 8 of last year, at that time referred to the Judiciary Committee. The bill was advanced to General File. I do have committee amendments pending, Mr. President. (AM0648, Legislative Journal page 800, First Session, 1999.)

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: Senator Hilgert, you are recognized to open on LB 175.

SENATOR HILGERT: Thank you, Mr. President. LB 175 was brought by some constituents who are landlords in my district. The purposes for the bill was to protect the housing stock that we have in Omaha. I have a large percentage of rental properties in my district. The cost of those rental properties are always increasing. The need for rental housing is very important and the need for quality rental housing is important, and in an effort to help expedite measures and thereby preserving that rental housing stock, LB 7...I agreed to introduce LB 175. There are several amendments filed on the bill. So I'll briefly go through the sections of the original bill and then we can proceed to the amendments, which do make some significant changes in the bill. It did increase...the original bill does